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Senate of Maryland Offers Congratulations to the Founder of Falun Dafa Mr. Li Hongzhi

(Clearwisdom.net) On May 13, 2010, the Senate of Maryland passed a resolution to offers its sincerest congratulations to Mr. Li Hongzhi, in recognition of his significant contribution to Maryland and people around the world, as founder of Falun Dafa. On the same day, the Senate of Maryland also passed a resolution in recognition of World Falun Dafa Day.

Senate of Maryland Resolution 804:

Be it hereby known to all that The Senate of Maryland offers its sincerest congratulations to **Li Hongzhi** in recognition of your significant contribution to Maryland and people around the World, as founder of Falun Dafa, a spiritual discipline based on Truthfulness, Compassion, and Tolerance.

The entire membership extends best wishes on this memorable occasion and directs this resolution be presented on this 13th day of May 2010.

Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. President of the Senate
Senator Rob Garagiola, Sponsor



Mayor of Philadelphia: Falun Dafa Day Celebrates the Triumph of Truth, Compassion and Tolerance

(Clearwisdom.net) On May 5, 2010, the Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania wrote the following letter to the Greater Philadelphia Falun Dafa Association in recognition of the 2010 World Falun Dafa Day.

Dear Friends:

World Falun Dafa Day on May 13, 2010 is a time for the citizens of Philadelphia to come together and celebrate the triumph of truth, compassion and tolerance.

I commend the Greater Philadelphia Falun Dafa Association for organizing an event to honor those who practice Falun Gong in China and around the world. As members of a free country, we all reserve the right to pursue our spiritual practices without persecution.

Our great city echoes the United States Congress' resolution to end the Chinese Communist Party's campaign to persecute, intimidate, imprison and torture Falun Gong practitioners.

Best wishes for a peaceful day of reflection and much continued success.

Sincerely, Michael A. Nutter, Mayor



Introduction to Falun Dafa

Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is a practice for benefiting physical health and elevating the mind. Introduced by Mr. Li Hongzhi in China, the practice consists of five gentle exercises including meditation, and diligent effort on the part of practitioners to follow the universal principles of Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance in daily life. Falun Gong is not only beneficial to one's own health and well-being, it also benefits others. Although the practice originated in China, today it is practiced throughout the world by people of all races and walks of life. In the face of the most brutal and vicious persecution perpetrated on them by the Chinese Communist Party, Falun Gong practitioners have found the spiritual strength to resist peacefully and tirelessly by upholding the principles of Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance.



About Clearwisdom

Clearwisdom.net is the most authoritative source of information about the practice of Falun Gong and about the persecution of Falun Gong in China, reporting timely news and events happening inside China as well as from the more than 70 countries around the world where Falun Gong is practiced. Clearwisdom responsibly publishes the experiences and understandings of practitioners themselves, who submit the majority of the articles.

Ms. Fu Hongxia Dies after Years of Persecution



Ms. Fu Hongxia

(Clearwisdom.net) After the persecution of Falun Gong began in 1999, practitioner Ms. Fu Hongxia was repeatedly harassed and subjected to brainwashing. She was arrested four times and imprisoned in a forced labor camp for two years. Ms. Fu died on March 3, 2010.

In December 1999, Ms. Fu was arrested because she was a Falun Gong practitioner. In the spring of 2001, she was subjected to three years of forced labor and imprisoned at the Shibalihe Forced Labor Camp in Zhengzhou City, Henan Province.

Ms. Fu went on hunger strikes to protest her imprisonment. She lost two of her teeth during the brutal forced-feedings. The guards forced her parents and her child to beg her to renounce Falun Gong over the phone. When Ms. Fu refused, the guards beat her.

The guards tortured Ms. Fu with her arms bound tightly behind her back. They forced her to stand with her body bent forward and her head against a wall. The torture lasted so long that her arms turned black and purple. The guards yanked her bound arms upward to intensify the pain.

After two years of torture, Ms. Fu was found to have fluid accumulation in her chest cavity. She was finally released when it was determined that her condition was life-threatening.

After her release, Ms. Fu's activities and her home phone were monitored by the authorities. Agents from the Puyang City 610 Office (an agency instituted specifically to persecute Falun Gong) repeatedly threatened Ms. Fu and her entire family with forced labor. Her mother was so traumatized that she died in the spring of 2007.

Ms. Fu's health began deteriorating under the relentless pressure of the persecution. She was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. She could not eat, was bedridden for 6 months, and became emaciated. The authorities pushed her father to try to change her mind into giving up her belief. Ms. Fu eventually passed away on March 3, 2010.

Practicing Falun Gong Saved My Mother

(Clearwisdom.net) One day my mother became sick and bedridden. Because of high medical costs and limited treatment options, my mother had to return home. The doctors told us that we should be prepared, as my mother could pass away at any moment. The massive amount of medications my mother took every day didn't help her even a little bit. Instead, she was getting worse by the hour, struggling on the edge of death.

My mother was only 49 years old at the time. Because of the desire to live, she began to read the book *Zhuan Falun* (the principal text of Falun Gong). That was the most blessed choice she has ever made: she was able to quit taking her medications and started to practice Falun Gong. Within three months, my mother could take me out on a bicycle. I knew she was not sick anymore. Later, my father and I also started to practice Falun Gong and my entire family was full of joy. My parents used to fight a lot. After they started the practice and assimilated to Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance, they stopped fighting. There was no more sickness and worries, only appreciation for Falun Dafa and Teacher Mr. Li Hongzhi, who gave us everything.

Ireland: Falun Gong Practitioners Celebrate World Falun Dafa Day

(Clearwisdom.net) On May 13, Falun Gong practitioners from Ireland held activities in downtown Dublin, celebrating World Falun Dafa Day. Practitioners demonstrated the five Falun Gong exercises, and performed traditional Chinese dances and drumming. Many passersby signed the petition to condemn the brutal persecution taking place in China.



Traditional Chinese drumming



Petition to condemn the persecution

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